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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

This is the time of year for reflections, reviews and selections. Experts make predictions, Sports writers ponder over the yearly parade of champions. We look back and think of our successes and our mistakes. We look forward with hope and ambition. Budgets have been completed and approved by the finance committee. Equipment is being overhauled and painted. Orders have been placed for new necessary equipment. Inventories have been taken and all records brought up to date. There is one thing we may have forgotten. Have we taken inventory of ourself? Have we accomplished the many things we planned on doing during the past year? Have we attended monthly association meetings? Have we kept ourself posted on the improved equipment, the latest chemicals, and fertilizers used for the maintenance of a golf course? Have we volunteered to participate in the operation of our association, either local or national, and always conducted ourself in a gentleman like manner at our club, at home or away from home? Inventory is very important to the individual in our profession as well as it is in any profession. This we should always remember.

Our January 6th meeting was well attended, 122 were present. Our many thanks to C. O. Borgmeier and Chuck Daugherty of the Geo. A. Davis Co. who were our host. O. J. Noer and Charlie Wilson from the Milwaukee Sewerage Co. presented to us, as they always do, a most interesting educational program. Our many thanks to both of them.

There will be no Midwest Association meeting during February. This is due to the G.C.S.A. Conference and Show, and also several members will be on vacation. By the time this issue of the Bull Sheet reaches you many Superintendents will have their bag packed ready to leave for the Sherman Hotel, where I hope I will see all of you and many of the officers of your club. They are all welcome without charge provided their Superintendent has previously registered.

Ray Gerber, President

BY-LAW CHANGE

Article II, section 1 (d). Class B Members. Superintendents who are employed in golf course maintenance work as qualified Superintendents, but who are not eligible for admission as Class A Members. Class B Members may attend all meetings and are entitled to all benefits of the Association. All persons when making application for membership as Class B Members in the Midwest Association of Golf Course Superintendents must also make application for membership in the Golf

Course Superintendents Association of America simultaneously with the making for membership herein.

Article II, section 1 (f). Class D Members. Commercial members who are sufficiently interested in our profession to attend meetings and work for advancement of this Association, but who are not eligible for admission as Class A Members. Class D Members may be dismissed from business meetings at the discretion of the President but may attend all educational or social meetings and are entitled to all benefits of the Association except however, they shall not have the right to vote. Effective January 1, 1959, it will be mandatory for Class D Members to be a member of the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America.

FOUNDING OF THE NATIONAL ASSOC.

By John MacGregor

This dissertation must necessarily include the birth of the National Association, as it was the means by which all of the locals throughout the U.S.A. and Canada came into being.

In the late spring of 1926 a man came to visit me at The Chicago Golf Club where I was employed. He introduced himself as John Morley, Greenkeeper at the Youngstown Country Club, Youngstown, Ohio. His Club had given him a leave of absence to make a survey of the Golf Clubs in the Metropolitan areas of the East and Middlewest to ascertain whether or not the Greenkeepers of those areas would be interested in forming a National Association of Greenkeepers. He informed me that on his survey through the East, the idea had been well received, that most of those he had spoken to assured him they would join such a movement.

I believe my Club was the last one he visited in the Chicago District, among several others. It appealed to me, as at that time there were only two men I knew that I used to visit, Frank Mastrolco at Geneva Golf Club and Dave McIntosh at Glen Oak Country Club. However, I told him to submit my name for membership, when and if such a meeting was called.

A meeting was called at The Sylvania Golf Club Toledo, Ohio, September 26th, 1926, at which time the officers and board of directors were elected. John Morley — President, John McNamara — Vice President, Wm. Rockefeller — Secretary, Alev McPherson — Treasurer, Directors — Fred Burkhart, John Pressler and I believe Joe Valentine and myself.